

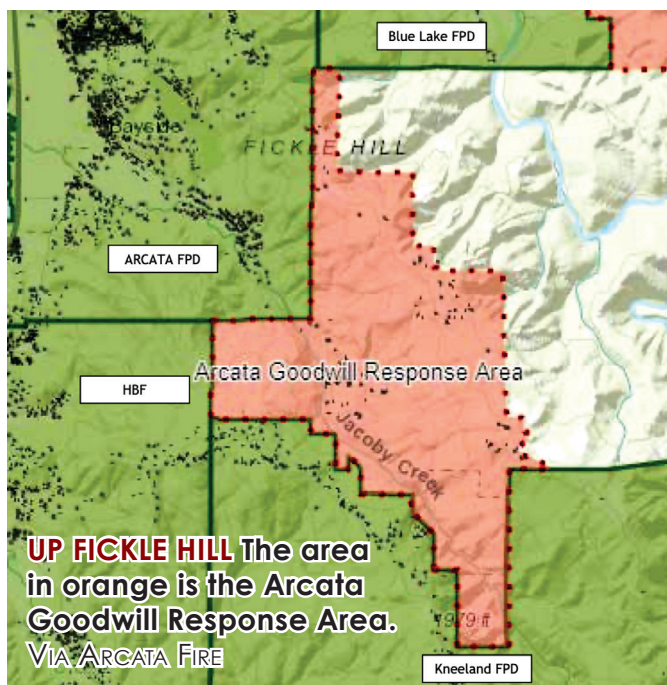
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Arcata Fire may annex upper neighborhoods of Fickle Hill & Jacoby Cr.

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/FICKLE HILL – The Arcata Fire District may consider annexing properties in the upper Jacoby Creek and Fickle Hill areas.

The district Board of Directors was scheduled to convene via Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 11, after the *Union* went to press, to discuss the proposal and consider whether to further study the idea in conjunction with the County of Humboldt and the Local Agency Formation Commission.



Under the proposal, the district would annex a portion of what's referred to as the Arcata Goodwill Response Area. Although the area is outside the district's boundaries, Arcata firefighters provide limited emergency response to the area, which doesn't have its own fire department.

GOODWILL RESPONSE AREA ♦ PAGE 10

Council affirms Valley West housing decision

Two nights of vigorous debate

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Two evenings of City Council meetings last week were marked by frank exchanges of views on the planned Project Homekey conversion of two Valley West motels into homeless housing.

Valley West history, impacts of Project Homekey considered **Page 7**

The meetings, one a study session with the Planning Commission, ventilated the principal arguments for and against the projects, with both hopeful and fearful outcomes predicted for Valley West.

The proceedings also laid bare a startling level of estrangement between City Councilmember Brett Watson and city staff.



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING Project Homekey could bring 138 housing units to Valley West Boulevard; 60 at the Days Inn, top, and 78 at the Red Roof Inn, above.

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In the end, the council went with its original decision, approving the ordinance they'd introduced on Dec.

15. Technically, Ordinance No. 1554 amends the Housing for Homeless Combining Zone created in 2009, allowing Permanent Supportive Housing.

VALLEY WEST ♦ PAGE 4

Omicron making itself at home in Humboldt

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – In just over a month since its emergence in South Africa, the Omicron variant is the dominant strain in the U.S. and kicking off a surge in Humboldt County.

New local COVID-19 case confirmations shot up between Jan. 3 and Jan. 7, with 853 logged. There were seven new hospitalizations and two deaths during the period.

"Omicron is here and it's circulating in our community and we are starting to see the beginnings of the Omicron surge in Humboldt County," said county Public Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman during a Jan. 5 news conference.

Omicron's origin is undetermined, its number and variety of mutations is unprecedented, and its implications are left to the imagination. But Hoffman said the ways to limit its phenomenal ability to spread are the

same as always.

He urged residents to pursue vaccination and testing, to avoid large gatherings and to quarantine when exposed and self-isolate if tested positive.

Hoffman said the "hallmarks" of an Omicron surge are locally apparent now – "sharp increases in cases" with a "small bump" in hospitalizations.

Local hospitals are beginning to be significantly affected but so far not in the

COVID ♦ PAGE 4

Search for Hunter Lewis continues along coast

MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – Searchers for lost canoeist Hunter Lewis continued their efforts through last weekend and early this week. Lewis was last seen Dec. 30 in a canoe in Trinidad harbor.



Hunter Lewis

Along with father Corey Lewis, community volunteers scoured coastal areas in search of the missing 21-year-old. The efforts have been coordinated via a Facebook page titled "Trinidad, CA. Search for Hunter Lewis," which has nearly 5,000 members.

Sunday evening, Corey Lewis, currently afflicted with COVID-19 and directing the search from home, described the continuing efforts: "Our sonar team is going out again tomorrow and we have a helicopter engaging in an aerial search," he wrote. "At this time when we feel like we have lost so much the outpouring of love and effort from thousands of you is our only consolation and it means very much. Thank you from the bottom of my broken heart."

DA Maggie Fleming not running for third term

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – District Attorney Maggie Fleming announced last week that she won't seek re-election this year. Fleming was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. Stated Fleming in a press release:



Maggie Fleming

"It has been a privilege to serve the people of Humboldt County; I thank the voters for the opportunity. I believe that during my tenure as D.A., the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office has made many important advances in its efforts to achieve justice and enhance public safety. The current people in the office are a dedicated, collaborative group that provides excellent service to the county – it has been an honor to work with them."

In an accompanying letter to her colleagues at the DA's Office, Fleming said, "Your dedication has allowed us to stand up to the many challenges which have included a rapidly changing legal landscape, our inability to remain fully staffed, and the various pandemic-related constraints on our work. Because everyone here went above and beyond, we were able to vigorously represent the People in every case, while respecting the rights of the accused and being respectful of everyone involved in the criminal justice process."



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Mad River Hospital showers family with First Baby 2022 gifts

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ARCATA – It is with great pride that Mad River Community Hospital's (MRCH) Birth Center welcomes its first baby born of



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the 2022 New Year into its facility and into our com-

munity.

While every family and birth is unique and special, we at MRCH mark this changing of the calendar year milestone by welcoming the first baby of the New Year with a little something extra.

Congratulations to Irie Kimbrough and Keith Elfstrom on the birth of their son, Ollie Kimbrough-Elfstrom, on Jan. 1, 2022 at 9:15 p.m. weighing in at 9 pounds and .5 ounces, 20 3/4 inches long.

MRCH staff, the Community Health Advisory Board members, and community members took this opportunity to donate gifts to welcome the First Baby born in the New Year.

Baby Shower gifts, supplies and handmade items were presented as a token of esteem in celebration to the Kimbrough-Elfstrom family.

Gateway Area Plan outreach, discussion at meetings, open houses and Farmers Market

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The Community Development Department released the draft of the Gateway Area Plan on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 which provides details of how Arcata's Gateway Area could be redeveloped to create more housing and job opportunities for the community.

The Gateway Area Plan draft will be circulated to the public for approximately one year before it can be adopted by the City Council, and members of the public may review the Gateway Area Plan draft and an informational video about the draft at cityofarcata.org.

City staff held the first series of public meetings to discuss the contents of the draft in December 2021. Video recordings of these meetings, including the virtual Town Hall, Planning Commission and City Council meetings are available to view on the City of Arcata's YouTube page.

The Community Development Department has scheduled more public engagement opportunities this month which include:

- Tuesday, Jan. 11 – The Gateway Area Plan draft was to be discussed at the Planning Commission's regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m.

- Tuesday, Jan. 18 – The draft plan was to be discussed at the Transportation Safety Committee meeting.

- Thursday, Jan. 20 – The draft plan will be

discussed at the Historic Landmarks Committee meeting at 4 p.m. The meeting agenda and Zoom link will be available at cityofarcata.org on Friday, Jan. 14.

- Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22 – City staff will host an in-person Open House from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21 and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22. The Open House will be held at the Arcata Community Center, located at 321 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.

The Open House will serve as a self-guided opportunity for community members to provide feedback on topics including building scale, circulation, the upcoming environmental review process, and ask questions of city staff.

COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be in place including wearing a face covering regardless of vaccination status and physical distancing.

- Saturday, Jan. 22 – City staff will be present at the Arcata Plaza Farmers' Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to share information, answer questions, and help community members complete the Community Visioning Survey.

More opportunities for public engagement regarding the Gateway Area plan draft in February will be announced as dates are finalized. Community members are encouraged to sign up for the Community Development Department's Long Range Planning & Community Visioning email notification list to stay updated on public

comment and engagement opportunities. Sign up by clicking here or by clicking the eNotifications Sign Up button on the homepage of the city's website.

The Community Development Department has created a Community Visioning Survey for residents and non-residents to share their thoughts on Arcata's future. Based on community feedback, the deadline to participate has been extended to Friday, April 1. Feedback received from the survey will help shape Arcata's future development priorities. The survey is available in Spanish and English at cityofarcata.org.

Arcata residents are encouraged to share their input and reach out to the Community Development Department with questions regarding the draft of Arcata Gateway Area Plan. City staff can be reached by email at dfreitas@cityofarcata.org or by calling (707) 825-2213.

In addition, city staff is available to meet with individuals or groups of community members interested in discussing the plan. Please contact (707) 825-2213 to schedule a virtual or in-person meeting.

COVID-19 health and safety measures must be followed at all in person meetings, including physical distancing and wearing facial coverings regardless of vaccination status.

For more information on the Gateway Area Plan draft or to learn more about Community Development projects and plans, visit cityofarcata.org or call (707) 825-2213.

County needs wildfire mitig coordinators

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – The County of Humboldt is seeking to contract with one or more Wildfire Mitigation Coordinators to join county staff as part of a grant-funded Coordination Team tasked with increasing collaboration, capacity, and partnerships among local wildfire mitigation groups in service of the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

The Coordination Team will focus on supporting local groups, such as neighborhood fire safe councils and Firewise communities; proliferating fire-wise messages and educational resources; and enhancing the basic functions of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, including implementation of the CWPP.

A Request for Proposals is open until Jan. 31, 2022 for one or more limited-term, contracted positions. Work is expected to begin March 2022 and continue through March 31, 2023.

For more information about the position, please view the Request for Proposals at humboldt.gov.org/firesafecouncil. Funding for the Coordination Team is made possible by a 2021 grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the California Climate Investments Program, through the California Fire Safe Council.

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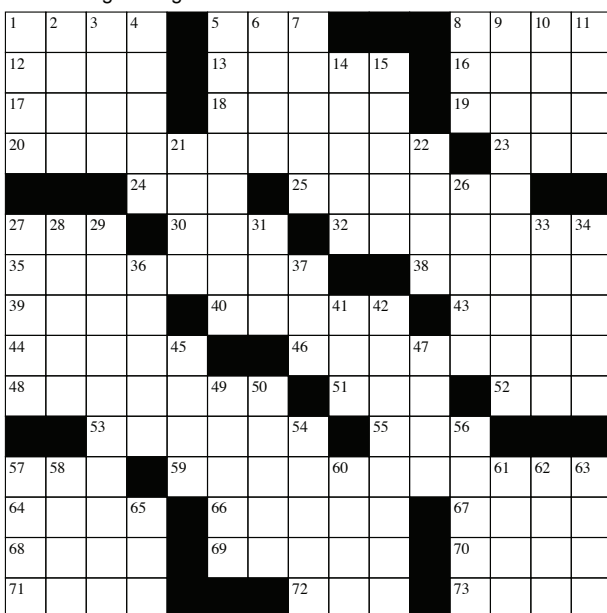
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19. Narrow mountain road
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25. Courtroom events
27. Distant
30. Cochlea's place
32. Alaskan natives
35. Dignified richness
38. Sidestep
39. Ripening agent
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48. Penguin or auk
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53. Imposed a fine
55. Accessory
57. Eland's neighbor
59. Sped up
64. Bank's offering
66. Very willing
67. Writer/director
68. Dog of old TV
69. Work hard
70. Poetic name for an island nation
71. Low-bottomed
72. "Yes, ___!"
73. Pungent vegetable

DOWN

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4. Has used too much perfume
5. Estahlan residents
6. Intellect
7. Cricket, for one
8. Calendar abbr.
9. School chums
10. To boot
11. Disarray
14. 1952 song "That's ___"
15. Surrealist paintings, for short
21. Length times width
22. With 62 Down, one of five "Greats"
26. Animate
27. Terrors
28. Underwater plants
29. Appraise anew
31. TV brand
33. Scents
34. Feel
36. Web-footed bird
37. Common Latin abbr.
41. Period
42. Wizard
45. Prima donna
47. Mr. Khayyam
49. Sieves spuds
50. Bumper sticker
54. French artist Edgar ___
56. Discussion group
57. Cheery
58. Facial feature
60. 1 of 12 Genesis brothers
61. Split
62. See 22 Down
63. Disagreeably damp
65. Rest



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Lesley Frisbee's 17 years of public service

Meet the MCSD

Welcome to the first installment in a new series, Meet the MCSD, featuring interviews by McKinleyville Community Services District Director Joellen Clark-Peterson.

This week's profile is of Lesley Frisbee, Parks & Rec director since 2015 and full-time employee since 2004.

What are you most excited about for the Parks & Rec department?

I'm most excited about bringing a new park to an area of McKinleyville that is currently park poor—meaning it doesn't not have any parks within a half-mile of the residential neighborhoods that are there. The BMX track and park project is exciting both for the fact that it will provide a park in an area that desperately needs one, it will also bring recreation amenities that do not exist in McKinleyville anywhere. The BMX track itself is unique, and the planned all-inclusive playground will serve children of all ages and abilities. We've been getting many requests for developing an outdoor basketball court in the last couple of years and this new park will bring that opportunity as well as outdoor pickleball courts.

Have you seen the show Parks and Rec?

I actually own the whole series on DVD. I'd have to say Ron Swanson is my favorite character because while he is a government employee he is also secretly anti-government, yet he truly cares about the people who work for him



MCSD DIRECTOR Lesley Frisbee. SUBMITTED PHOTO

and the community they serve. I like him for all of his human contradictions. However, I most identify with Leslie Knope because much of my job is similar to what that character's job is

in Pawnee, Ind.

What would be helpful for more people to understand about how the District works?

The rates residents pay for water, sewer and streetlights are not shared with the Parks and Recreation department – what residents pay for water and sewer does not in any way provide financial resources to Parks and Recreation's operation and maintenance of parks and facilities.

Who has influenced your professional life?

Karen Diemer at the city of Arcata, gave me

my first job in recreation in 2001 and she has continued to be an influence and resource for me. Authors and leadership researchers Simon Sinek and Brene

Brown have shaped how I view and approach leadership and service. My training and coaching through the On the Verge Leadership Program over the last seven years has contributed to my personal and professional growth in such a profound way that without that experience and support, I don't think I'd have made it this long as a professional public servant.

If you could have a superpower what would it be?

I'd want the power to read people's emotions and feelings and be able to alter them, just like the character Mantis in Guardians of the Galaxy.

What's your favorite place in our area to take visitors?

I love taking folks to Fern Canyon and also shopping in downtown Ferndale.

COVID staff, student illness forces McK Middle School closure

MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – Due to a staffing shortage caused by COVID-19, McKinleyville Middle School was closed for two days last week.

The school closed on Wednesday, Jan. 6 and reopened Thursday, Jan. 7. But plans to reopen on Friday, Jan. 8 were scuttled due to the virus.

“Due to [accelerated] student and staff illnesses at MMS, the middle school must close tomorrow [Friday, Jan. 8],” stated a Jan. 7 district Facebook posting.

“Our district is committed to remaining open as long as we have safe staffing levels,” stated a posting on the McKinleyville Union School District's “McKinleyville Schools” Facebook page. “This may require some creative scheduling. What it also requires is student and family support for student masking, and safe, responsible, respectful behaviors of all. If your child is not feeling well, please do your part and keep your child home until they are symptom free for at least 24 hours without medication.”

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McK CSD approves \$25M infrastructure upgrade

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Community Services District will spend more than \$25 million over the next two years to upgrade sewer and water lines and build a new water storage tank.

The massive infrastructure upgrade is being paid for with \$17.2 million in CalOES grant funding and \$8.3 million in financing, which was approved at the end of the year and reviewed by the MCSD Board of Directors at its Jan. 5 meeting.

The financing is in the form of Certificates of Participation, which will be paid for with sewer and water funds over a period of 30 years. The interest rate came in at 2.93 percent, which was lower than the district expected.

According to MCSD Manager Patrick Kaspari, the financing will have no effect on sewer and water rates because the projects were already factored into the last rate study which was used to determine sewer and water charges.

Central sewer lines
The district plans to replace the sewer and water lines on Central Avenue between Sutter and Hiller roads. The district will have the project designed this year, with construction slated for the summer of 2023. “Both the water and sewer lines in this section are asbestos cement (AC) dating from the early 1970s. The sewer lines in particular are degrading and in urgent need of replacement,” states Kaspari in a written report

to the board. “Since we are replacing the sewer lines in this section, it would likely be most efficient and economical to replace the AC waterlines as well.” The project has an estimated cost of \$4 million.

Water tank
The district is in negotiations with the American Hospital Management Corp. to purchase 6.5 acres of undeveloped land off Cochran Road in the Hewitt Ranch area of McKinleyville. The district wants to build a 4.5-million-gallon water tank on the property to provide additional storage for the town’s water system.

The district has completed the initial design for the tank and the environmental studies. If all goes as planned, construction would begin in 2023. The project is estimated to cost \$10.3 million.

Sewer undercrossing
The district has completed the initial design and is working on an environmental study to replace three sewer lines that go under U.S. Highway 101.

The lines carry sewage from the middle of McKinleyville to the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Hiller Park on the west side of town. The existing pipes are getting old and district officials are concerned about the potential that the pipes could fail and leak. The upgraded pipes would also increase capacity. The district hopes to finish the design this year and begin construction in 2023. The project has an estimated cost of \$5.6 million.

COVID | Reverse zoonotic transfer

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way that previous variants have done. Instead of being overwhelmed with seriously ill patients, hospitals are having “extreme staffing shortages,” Hoffman said, as are other places.

“Because this is spreading so quickly and so dramatically through communities, it makes it hard for everyone to stay open – not just hospitals and health care clinics but schools and businesses and government,” he continued.

He reported that hospitals are “seeing increases in the numbers of beds taken up by COVID infections” but the impact is manageable because patient stays are shorter, with much less need for intensive care and use of ventilators.

The Delta variant is still circulating locally and it’s hard to know whether Omicron accounts for the majority of recent cases.

Hoffman said the county’s genomic sequencing lab work has been “on hold” for two months due to staffing issues. Omicron showed up in local samples culled last month but a pharmacy did the sequencing with federal support, not the county, he continued.

The county is seeking to resume its detective work using a streamlined method. But Hoffman said staffing limitations as well as lack of availability of materials is affecting the timing as “the whole world is scrambling to get that test up and running at the same time.”

Schools account for what Hoffman described as “large increases in the number of positive cases.” That’s expected post-holidays but also has “a little bit of a thumbprint of Omicron on it.”

On Jan. 6, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools Michael Davies-Hughes released a statement on the “up-tick” in the number of student and school staff cases.

He said the county has provided the school system with enough home test kits for every student in the district and described COVID-induced staffing shortages as a “concerning reality.”

Determining the origin of Omicron would help our understanding of the pandemic. The most cited theory is that the new variant incubated and evolved for a lengthy time in an immunocompromised person.

But that doesn’t explain why Omicron’s genetic sequences distinctly branch off from other strains nor why it has affected the human population so quickly.

A study published and peer reviewed in the *Journal of Genetics and Genomics* is gaining notice and posits that Omicron ping-ponged from humans to mice and back again.

The study finds that Omicron’s unprecedented collection of beneficial mutations indicates “an inter-species evolutionary trajectory” and aligns with “virus evolution in a mouse cellular environment.”

The “reverse zoonotic transfer” through mice offers a possible explanation for why Omicron’s cell-targeting appears to have switched from the lungs to upper respiratory passages.

The variant’s less severe outcomes have been called “a silver lining” and an indication the pandemic is nearing an end but Hoffman isn’t ready to draw any conclusions.

“You never know what the silver lining is until you’re on the other side,” he said during the news briefing. “No one has a crystal ball and we should be prepared that there could be another variant out there.”

Project Homekey | Many questions, some answers

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ing at the two Valley West motels. According to a staff report, the amendments expand the zone to include the motels and, allow permanent supportive housing to meet standard multi-family housing standards by limiting many of those standards to Emergency and Transitional Shelters only.

This allows Arcata House Partnership (AHP) and Danco Communities to apply for Project Homekey funding before the January 31 deadline.

The \$10.7 million Days Inn project will be financed entirely by the Project Homekey Program grant fund in the form of a loan from the City to the Arcata House Partnership.

The \$20.5 million Red Roof Inn project will be financed by several public and private sources, with Homekey providing primary funding.

Planning Commission
The council’s Jan. 4 study session with the Planco was held on Zoom due to the Omicron surge. The matter had first come before the commission Dec. 29, when it withheld approval and asked for more fact-finding and community input. But the council turned aside that request and pleas from neighbors and unanimously approved introduction of the ordinance the following night.

Mayor Stacy-Atkins Salazar requested that participants address each other by first names, foregoing formal titles, and that was agreed to. “It’s great to have so many great minds in the room,” Stacy said.

Objections and questions marked initial public comment. Valley West resident Carol Graham said the project was too large and “moving too fast.”

She asked for key details on the projects not explained in staff reports, including loss of \$170,000 in Transient Occupancy Tax currently collected by the motels.

Valley West, family and Latinx advocate Lucy Salazar said Valley West businesses and residents who will be affected had been unaware of the projects. “It seems like there’s a rush to approve this,” she said. “We cannot rush something that is going to change the neighborhood dramatically.”

Lucy lamented the loss of the Red Roof Inn’s capacious, affordable conference room, which, ironically, has hosted many meetings on the future of Valley West and other community and family events.

She questioned whether families would be included in the mix of new residents as well as the sudden concentration of a large population of new residents in the already petty crime-plagued Valley West area. “By adding all these folks, it could just make things worse,” Lucy said.

Laurel Tree Charter School administrator Brenda Sutter said her school, which has been plagued by homelessness-related incidents, favors the projects. She hoped that the housing will be accompanied by wraparound services to offer meaningful support.

Community Development Director David Loya displayed a city-wide GIS map of Arcata’s affordable housing projects, calling them “fairly well dispersed” throughout the community.

Commissioner Kimberley White, who is also a Valley West resident and advocate, said that housing projects like the downtown Plaza Point senior housing building can’t be fairly compared to a concentration of potentially high-risk, chronically homeless individuals, some of whose disabilities include mental illness.

Commissioner Judith Mayer wondered about possible unconsidered expansions to the already-large projects, and what was going to happen in 2026, when the currently projected Project Homekey funding runs out.

“We may be looking at something considerably larger than this project is committing to, or would commit to,” Judith said.

Danco’s Chris Dart started his presentation by saying he “didn’t get the opportunity” to share his company’s plans for the Red Roof Inn with the Planco at its December meeting, which neither he nor AHP had participated in.

Chris said there are no proposals present to expand the project beyond its current 78 studio apartments and

a three-bedroom house out back as an onsite manager residence, though there has been some initial planning for 40 more units.

The facility will be fenced, with controlled entry, and will also include meeting, group and rec rooms plus landscaping, garden space, a dog walk and other recreational amenities and “community programs.” Along with the onsite manager, there is to be 24/7 case managers and resident service coordinators.

He said that while the property is expandable, there are no current plans for that. The “rush,” Chris said, is due to the housing crisis and competition for funding. Valley West was chosen for its relatively affordable, conversion-ready hotels, to which Homekey funding can be applied.

Danco’s target population differs from that the AHP project will assist, and will include those who aren’t chronically homeless. He said there are no current plans to do anything with the Red Roof’s conference room, but that the swimming pool will be filled in and topped with office space.

Chris said that with more funding, the supported housing could continue beyond 2026, or the facility could just revert to general low-income housing.

Kimberley pressed Dart as to why the Planco and the surrounding community weren’t told about Project Homekey in September, when the current round of funding was made available. “I’m just wondering why we waited till Christmas,” she said. “It feels rushed.”

Chris said property negotiations with the Red Roof’s owner were underway through late November, but that “you’re right, it is rushed,” due to the emergency nature of California’s housing crisis. “We’re trying to make a dent in the problem,” he said, in a short period of time.

Councilmember Brett Watson said the Project Homekey plans ought to have been handled like the Gateway Project, with extensive advance public scoping.

Commissioner Dan Tangney wanted to know how Danco would handle impacts on the neighborhood, and about the impacts of the Days Inn during its year of service as a COVID shelter for the homeless.

Chris said Danco isn’t a service provider, but relies on hired professionals to provide services for residents.

Police Chief Brian Ahearn said the Days Inn saw zero impacts, with “no noticeable difference when it was being managed by Arcata House as a shelter option.”

Commission Chair Julie Vaisade-Elcock suggested that an unintended consequence of eliminating the motels will be the conversion of housing to Air B&Bs. She said Valley West deserves a “satellite” police station, but predicted a possible drop in crime due to homeless relief.

Chris said Danco has the space to build a police satellite office for APD at the Red Roof Inn, “and would welcome that.”

City Manager Karen Diemer said the lost TOT tax “is a significant dollar amount to our general fund” and that especially with the coming of Cal Poly Humboldt, more lodging will be required. She said the one of the former hotel owners is looking at re-creating hotel space with proceeds from the sale.

Brett asked whether the city knows what services it will have to cut due to lost TOT revenue. Karen said that would be determined during this year’s upcoming budget process. In the first of several pointed remarks, Brett said, “We’re going to figure it out down the road. That’s the plan?” The question gained to response.

Kimberley raised the issue of how many homeless Arcata and Valley West residents would be housed in the projects, predicting likely importation of high-risk individuals from elsewhere in the county.

AHP Executive Director Darlene Spoor didn’t respond in detail to questions, but made humanitarian arguments for her project.

She spoke of the families, seniors, professionals and mentally challenged people who AHP works with, and the desperate need for the Project Homekey housing.

As for the “rush,” Darlene said, “We are in a crisis” and that with funding available, “this is a rare op-

portunity.”

A lengthy discussion then ensued regarding the propriety of ministerial, that is, staff review and approval of projects, and what Judith saw as negligible opportunities for public participation.

City Council
The council carried on the conversation the following night. Watson suggested that given the frequency of complaints about public notification, the issue be agendized for improvement. Councilmember Emily Grace Goldstein said the council has been well aware of the project since August, and that “this was not a flip-pant decision.”

Atkins-Salazar said Watson and Goldstein likely knew about it due to their service from their work on the council’s homeless committee, but that the overall council wasn’t fully in the loop. Watson laughed about that, saying the “you guys” had removed him from the post and replaced him with Atkins-Salazar.

Watson complained that his pre-meeting, emailed questions to Loya hadn’t gotten any response. “I did try adamantly to get my questions answered by staff but was not responded to,” he said. “They were not available to help me, so it kind of hampered my ability to do my job.”

Last October, his four council colleagues passed a “no confidence” vote in Watson over allegations of misconduct – apparently involving a staff member – which have never been publicly disclosed, but are reportedly under investigation.

It’s not clear whether Watson’s removal from the homeless group was part of his constrained participation in council matters.

Watson went on to further question the appropriateness of staff wielding approval power over large-scale housing projects.

Goldstein tried to hasten the process with a motion to adopt the ordinance, but Watson spoke over her, saying he had more questions.

“You’re cutting me off,” he snapped at Goldstein, in a rare public display of anger between Arcata’s electeds. “You’re interrupting me.”

Further discussion of ministerial authority ensued, with Watson again stressing the importance of council oversight, and of proper notice to the community of housing projects, with opportunities for public participation.

It appears Watson may have violated special guidelines set up for him to communicate with staff as the investigation into his alleged misconduct proceeds.

(The *Union* asked Diemer and City Attorney Nancy Diamond for details on the communications protocols created for Watson, and whether his failure to comply with them were responsible for the lack of staff response before the meeting. They were also asked about the status of the investigation into his alleged misconduct. Diamond said the matter will be the subject of a pending city statement.)

When Atkins-Salazar described a conversation she’d had that day with Loya, Watson again objected about her and the other councilmembers having staff access that he didn’t.

“It’s interesting to know that another councilmember was provided time with staff and I was denied, so I appreciate that point,” he said.

After more Watson-inspired discussion about policy, Goldstein again tried to move the process forward, saying the “important discussion” wasn’t immediately relevant to adoption of the ordinance.

Watson again apologized for talking up council meeting time with his questions, but blamed staff unresponsiveness. “I’m just wondering, how does the council feel that I wasn’t able to access staff today?” he asked.

Atkins-Salazar said “there are reasons why you have limited access,” but that they may have to be held legally confidential under the circumstances.

Diamond, after admonishing Watson for interrupting him, said he had not followed the protocol, that Loya’s time is limited and that the mayor must be able to confer with staff.

Ultimately, the council voted 4_1, with Watson dissenting, to adopt the previously introduced Ordinance No. 1554, which appears on page 9.

UPD Chief Anthony Morgan moves on

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
HUMBOLDT STATE – University Police Chief Anthony Morgan has accepted a position as Chief of Police at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. The University thanked Chief Morgan for his dedicated service over the past year.

“It has been an honor to work in service of the students, faculty, staff, and guests of Humboldt State University. I have enjoyed many of the relationships we were able to solidify over the last year. The ongoing pandemic continues to present some unique challenges. It has not stopped our ability to interact in a positive manner with the campus community. I am grateful for my team’s increased efforts to engage the community and



Anthony Morgan

the overwhelmingly positive response to those efforts. I am confident the department will stay the course of service to the community,” Morgan said.

Morgan developed several programs and services during his time at Humboldt State, helping to enhance relations between the University Police Department and students. He created an advisory panel of campus community members and met with a wide range of people and groups. He also developed a non-sworn officer position to respond to mental health crises and other incidents, in an effort to improve campus safety. Most notably, Chief Morgan led efforts to get to know all of the resident students in housing, utilizing campus partnerships to enhance

officer training, and shifting the culture within UPD to one that embraces change.

“I appreciate Chief Morgan’s commitment to safety and community building, especially during this challenging past year. I wish him well on this move and future endeavors,” said Shahrooz Roohparvar, vice president of Administration & Finance.

Morgan’s last day will be Jan. 28. HSU has begun the search for an interim police chief and will be engaging a search firm to assist in filling the permanent position. The university aims for a July 1 start of the new permanent chief.

The selection process will be inclusive and transparent with opportunities for our campus community to participate in selecting the right chief for HSU. Additional information about filling the Chief position will be shared in the near future.

Dogged pursuit eluded, suspect arrested

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
LOLETA – On Jan. 6, 2022, the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office received information that a homicide suspect wanted out of Washington State was possibly in the Loleta area.

On Friday, Jan. 7 at about 12:01 a.m., officers with the Bear River Tribal Police Department located the suspect, William Lee Rickman, 46, inside a vehicle on the 600 block of Singley Hill Road.

As deputies were enroute to the location, Rickman fled in the vehicle from law enforcement officers. While searching the Loleta area for Rickman, deputies learned that the vehicle associated with Rickman had

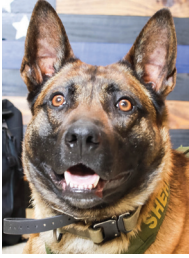


William Lee Rickman

crashed on Lundblade Mill Road and Rickman had reportedly fled on foot from the vehicle.

Sheriff’s deputies, HCSO K9 Yahtzee and officers with the California Highway Patrol conducted a search of the wooded area nearby the abandoned vehicle in an effort to locate Rickman. Despite extensive search efforts, teams were unable to locate Rickman.

A short while later, a local resident contacted law enforcement reporting that a male subject unknown to the resident had arrived at their home requesting a ride. Deputies responded to the residence, located Rickman and took him into custody without further incident.



HCSO K9 Yahtzee

Plaza idlers deploy to streetcorner battlestations to counter snowball bombardment

• **Friday, December 24 1:06 a.m.** Fists found their marks on the faces of newfound foes outside an H Street tavern, as holiday celebrants heralded Christmas Eve with a 10- to 15-galoot brawl.

2:31–2:58 p.m. There was some yuletide shoving in a downtown antiquarian bookstore, while out on the Plaza, two guys punched someone in the head.

• **Saturday, December 25 8:12 a.m.** At a Samoa Boulevard apartment where the resident passed away, the housepets carried on as best they could without human oversight.

• **Sunday, December 26 2:23 a.m.** The driver of an aged green and gray truck made “large loops” around the Plaza, yelling and hurling snowballs of unknown origin. At this, according to a witness, area sitabouts mustered a ragtag response, with squads of retaliators “posting up” at key locations to throw stuff back at the fearsome lorry.

8:25 p.m. A woman so drunk she couldn’t walk through a Uniontown parking lot without stumbling headlong into the massive light standards there solved that problem by hopping in a white Jeep and driving off.

• **Monday, December 27 10 a.m.** A sprawling vehicle camp in the Community Park parking lot included an RV, two pickup trucks and a motorcycle. But the most prominent feature was the loud generator running 24/7 for the past week.

12:10 p.m. Someone on the Plaza said their cat had run away during the earthquake. A “Found Cat” ad on that list of Craig’s featured the runaway kitty, but the finder refused to return it to the owner.

1:19 p.m. A drummer who lives loud and large On Lewis Street, drew the discharge Of weaponry brutal
At a target so futile:
A pellet gun plinked his garage

• **Tuesday, December 28 10:03 a.m.** A woman complained of a maskless, belligerent man at the Arcata Post Office, which, despite being commonplace, ought at this point to be a bug, not a feature. USPS personnel were unhelpful, she said, in particular the man behind the counter with his mask drooping down below his droplet-releasing nose. Here’s her entry on the *Arcata People* Facebook page, which included photos of the clearly non-compliant and allegedly unhelpful employee:



behind us. I asked him to put a mask on. He didn’t respond, so I asked again. He stopped and pulled out his mask, and showed it to me, and told me to “Shut up.”

I told him my daughter was 4 and couldn’t be vaccinated yet, and he should care about the other people around him. I said he needed to put it on before he came inside, not wait until he was in line with us.

When the person showed up that we were waiting for, the elderly man wouldn’t leave us alone, and kept telling me to “shut up.” He flipped me off. He also flipped off another woman who was there and trying to support me.

I was trying to explain myself, that I was afraid of my daughter getting COVID. “Would you care then?” I asked. “The men behind the counter laughed at me. They refused to serve me.

The elderly man told them to “Get rid of her.” They didn’t get rid of me, but they refused to help me, but offered to help the man, who was still telling me to shut up. They helped him, but when I asked them to help me, they said, “It’s a little late for that.”

I left, saying we would go to Eureka instead of putting up with this. The woman who was there and was telling me I was right. I asked her to write a complaint about this Post Office, since I have written complaint after complaint, even with photos of clerks with no masks on, and nothing ever gets done. This attitude today, though, honestly shocked me.

We are new to Arcata. If people really care so little about young children here, maybe we will move. I can’t stand to be treated like this, and my daughter doesn’t deserve it, either.

Contacted by the *Union* for a response last Friday morning, Jan. 7, USPS Spokesperson Evelina Ramirez stated:

Under current Postal Service policy, our employees and contractors are required to wear face coverings, in any situation in which they cannot achieve or maintain social distance of at least six (6) feet.

They must also wear face coverings in public-facing settings where required by federal, state, local, tribal and territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

Thank you for reaching out to us. We will take appropriate follow-up actions.

• **Wednesday, December 29 3:48 p.m.** A 40-something man with arm tattoos used

the Arcata Branch Library’s public computers to look at photos of little girls in swimsuits.

• **Thursday, December 30 9:04 p.m.** When a man returned to his L.K. Wood Boulevard home, he found a man and woman in a black Mercedes-Benz sitting in his driveway. Asked what they were doing there, the duo deployed a confusing flurry of hastily-conjured syllables including the terms “Door Dash delivery,” and “looking for an address.” When it became apparent that they had no food to deliver, couldn’t say what the mysterious address that they were looking for was, and that their entire origins story rested on a foundation of shabby mendacity, the two dashed off southbound.

• **New Year’s Eve 5:41 p.m.** Someone was irate about what they presumed to be M-80s being set off around Iverson Avenue and Q Street.

6:29 p.m. A neighbor complained that “mortar bombs” were being set off at a Spear Avenue address.

7:13 p.m. Someone at Iverson and Q said M-80s were going off all around her home, the wartime environment stressing out her and her animals.

7:36 p.m. The explosions continued on Spear Avenue.

11:12 p.m. A blast-frazzled 17th and Q lady called in for the fourth time, now offering an address of the ammo dump where she said the detonations originated.

• **New Year’s Day 1:15 a.m.** A Valley West motel lodger pulled a gun on neighboring guests over the noise they were making.

11:25 a.m. A woman staying at a Valley West motel said she got a text from someone vowing to slash her tires and assault her. And when she went out to her car this morning, she found her tires slashed.

3:17 p.m. The extremely credible-sounding “Northern Software” company sent a scam email to a Bayview Street resident, and gained access to her computer. She said they “moved money around” in her bank account, but they likely just edited the html to make it look on the screen like they had, in preparation for a demand that she convey gift card numbers to them to replace the faux funds that they’d accidentally-on-purpose “deposited.” Fortunately, she contacted police before experiencing the Northern Software Customer Care Difference.

4:41 p.m. A man complained that a woman had kicked him while he was “performing” in some fashion at Eighth and H streets. The interview then dissolved into “incessant yelling,” which in retrospect could have been part of a street theatre performance. He was found drunk, and arrested.

• **Sunday, January 2 2:53 p.m.** A woman complained that a man located on a trail in Carlson Park had swung an axe at her, thrown things, threatened her unborn child and referred to a

Supervisors grapple with huge increase in public comment

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – Struggling to get through marathon-length meetings, Humboldt County’s Board of Supervisors has considered options for changing public comment rules but is only taking up one of them.

At their Jan. 4 meeting, supervisors declined to shorten the time limit of individual public comment but agreed on moving general public comment to the end of each meeting.

The decision responds to the recent advent of teleconferenced meetings and increased volume of public participation.

“We’re finding ourselves having a hard time getting through the actual work we have to do as far as making decisions,” said Board Chair Virginia Bass, who sponsored the discussion along with Supervisor Mike Wilson, who was absent.

“This conversation’s happening in counties all over the place,” Bass said.

But she added that increased public comment is “a good thing” and she doesn’t want to discourage it.

Deputy Clerk of the Board Tracy D’Amico said that at a state conference of county clerks and elected officials last month, management of the technologically-enabled expansion of public participation – including “some often disruptive behavior” – was a “big topic.”

D’Amico polled officials of nine counties at the conference and told supervisors that seven of them have moved public comment sessions to the end of meetings.

An obvious contributor to Humboldt’s mass of public comment is



Virginia Bass

negative reaction to COVID-19 mask mandates and the county’s emergency health order.

Donnie Creekmore, a co-founder of the Humboldt Freedom Coalition anti-mandate advocacy group, said the numerous members of the group that call in to the meetings do so because “we want our voices to be heard ... and the overwhelming majority of our members feel like that is not happening.”

He added, “Let’s all be real – the only reason we’re having this conversation is because when you guys put COVID-19 on the agenda, Humboldt Freedom Coalition comes out large to express our positions.”

Adam Lustig, another coalition member, said he frequently comments because “I’m 48 years old and never has the government interfered with my life like has been going on during this 22-month extended emergency.”

In response, Bass said the increase in public comment is due to a variety of reasons, including the availability of teleconferencing in a geographically spread-out county

Supervisor Rex Bohn said he’s impressed by the coalition’s “passion” and even has one of their logo-bearing hats.

There’s evidence to support a variety of arguments about aspects of the pandemic, he continued, including those advanced by the coalition’s members.

But he added that “I still believe in getting the vaccine.”

After additional discussion, supervisors agreed to move public comment on non-agenda items to the end of meeting, before closed sessions.

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Farewell to Betty and Baloo, say hello to Carmen

The world recently lost a great animal rights activist when Betty White died just short of her 100th birthday.

A movement called the *#Betty-WhiteChallenge* has spread on social media, in which people are urged to honor her birthday by making \$5 donations to animal rights organizations on January 17.

There are lots of local groups that would fit the bill if you want to participate! The ones I'm involved with are Redwood Pals Rescue and the shelter's Emergency Medical Fund if you don't have another favorite.



Betty White

We think Betty might have appreciated our recent happy story about our rescue dog Baloo. Big boy Baloo was featured in this column twice and promoted many times on our Redwood Pals Rescue Facebook page and yet only got a few half-hearted inquiries in over six months and no meetings.

Just last week we were contacted by someone who had seen his photo on a regional adoption site. She was in Southern Oregon but after some

phone conversations she arranged to stop and meet him on her way back from a trip to the Bay Area. She met Baloo on a drizzly afternoon and thought he could be a good fit. After we combed out a pile of undercoat and gathered his favorite toy and medical records, Baloo hopped into her car for the ride home to Oregon.

We always hope that the first few days go OK as everyone gets to know each other. No need to worry this time! Baloo found her cache of dog toys, explored his new yard and found

a nice place to sleep at the foot of her bed. She was most impressed with how he came when called! Her most recent message to us ended with "I think we are a match made in heaven."

Happy endings like this validate our efforts and keep us going on the challenging days.

One of the dogs we've been working with for a while is Carmen. Carmen is a pretty brown and white 8 year-old Border Collie mix. She arrived at the shelter with two other dogs after their owner died. The dogs had spent most of their lives outside. They were shy but not unfriendly.

The blind male Wish and the younger female Belle (most likely Carmen's daughter) were able to show enough confidence for the shelter to put them up for adoption. They have both been adopted.

Carmen was the most shy and we have been working with her to gain confidence. She has made huge progress since arriving at the shelter. Carmen walks pretty well on the leash, and has become quite friendly and trusting

of her regular volunteer friends. She may not want to live with another dog again but has really enjoyed walk-



Carmen

ing with some of the other dogs and seems to find reassurance in having a walking buddy.

Carmen is something of a homebody and clearly enjoys the comfort of her own home base, though over time her confidence has definitely grown. Just this week, she had an opportunity to explore the play yards, an area she had not been very comfortable in previously. This time she really enjoyed getting in all the good sniffs and showed no interest in looking for the exits.

Carmen would love to have a quiet home of her own with a gentle person or family who would have patience with her as she gets comfortable and settled in. She isn't much of a toy-playing dog or an adventurer but she shows her happy side when being pet or seeing her human friends!

Carmen weighs in at about 45 pounds and may be a candidate for a home with cats. Carmen is spayed and current on her vaccinations. She would love a permanent home but a foster placement would also give her the opportunity to leave the shelter and move forward.

If you would like to meet Carmen, please contact Redwood Pals at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.



Baloo, happy at his new home.

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Valley West history, still being made, offers lessons, still being learned

Welcome to week two of our Valley West (the northern most neighborhood of Arcata) column. Let me introduce myself.

My name is Kimberley White and I am a proud Valley West resident and community and housing advocate. I am also a planning commissioner with the City of Arcata but I do not represent the views or speak for the City of Arcata or the Planning Commission.

Both myself and community advocate Lucy Salazar will be co-authoring in rotation this Valley West weekly column along with occasional guest columnists from the business and residential community, schools, CUNA (Comunidad Unidad del Norte de Arcata/Community North Arcata) and others from the Valley West community.

Thank you for sharing with us our love for Valley West. May Valley West shine like the gem it deserves to be.

Since the first Valley West weekly column started with a geography lesson I will include a brief history of Valley West in this, our second column.

Valley West natural history

Our Valley West shopping center and surrounding area was originally agriculture and farmland and at one time it was teaming with wildlife. Wildlife in the area was fairly diverse according to a 1975 Arcata Planning Commission Environmental Impact Report for a Valley West sub division Planned Unit Development.

This area supported everything from opossums, brush rabbits, ground squirrels, weasels, two types of skunks to bobcats, grey foxes and coyotes. It also hosted 10 different species of bats and 50 different species of birds. The area also was teaming with various kinds of amphibians including the Red Legged Frog, Pacific Tree Frog, Western Toad, Northwestern Salamander, Olym-

pic Salamander, and the Rough Skinned Newt. We also had several reptiles: the Alligator Lizard, Western Lizard, and three kinds of gartner snakes.

Valley West also had a wide variety of both native and non-native vegetation. Cranesbill was abundant as well as sage, California bromegrass, Watson's fireweed, lupin, nettle, bracken fern, and the California blackberry. Non-native species included; English plantain, creeping buttercup, black medic, field mustard, wild carrot, wild barley, blue flax, dandelion, and mouse ear chickweed.

Development

According to special edition, April 17, 2001, The Valley West Eye (the newspaper usually known as the Arcata Eye) Valley West began with a developer named Bill Thompson who saw the writing on the wall. Arcata was going to grow and there was money to be made.

Thompson had a vision to develop farmland into what is now Valley West. It started in 1968 with two gas stations, a carwash and then the Ramada Inn. Later the Ramada Inn became the North Coast Inn when it changed ownership and today it is the Red Roof Inn. Valley West Mobile Estates and several apartments came shortly after the Ramada Inn was built and in 1977 the Valley West Shopping Center arrived. Planned Unit Development, Villa de Valle, was built a year later in response to the need for more housing in Arcata.

According to the 1975 Arcata Planning Commission Environmental Impact Report for Villa de Valle, the subdivision area contained an "abandoned meander" – a meander scar of the Mad River from where the river changed course long ago. This meander scar of the Mad River still exists and floods during heavy rainfall. When rain is exceptionally heavy

you can sometimes see Laurel Tree Charter school students and teachers paddling pontoon boats taking advantage of this natural water attraction.

Arcata's 'cash cow'

In that same 2001 issue, the Valley West Eye highlights Penny Alexander the owner of Penelope's English Garden and Gifts in the Valley West shopping center. Valley West is referred to as Arcata's "step sister" and a reliable "cash cow." Penny references the Plaza as the "favored" child.

Not much has changed from over 20 years ago. Valley West is still referred to as the "other" Arcata, the ugly stepsister, and other derogatory terms, none of which are considered terms of endearment.

One thing history has shown us consistently over time is that Valley West has always been a reliable "cash cow." But things could change with last Wednesday's Arcata City Council approval of two Valley West HomeKey projects that will take two of seven motels in Valley West on the strip and convert them into Permanent Supportive Housing for the homeless.

Arcata's "cash cow" just became less valuable due to lost revenue from the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) also referred to as bed or motel tax as a result of converting these two motels into Permanent Supportive Housing for the homeless. This decision will affect the Valley West community for many decades to come. Arcata having a housing shortage is not a new thing and in fact the front-page news story from the same special edition the Valley West Eye (2001) reports on two housing projects for low-income and very low-income residents.

According to the article, the Sorensen subdivision at Spear Avenue and Lewis Road, known now as Janes Creek Meadows, "the project's housing element is

viewed as trade-off on one of its most acute impacts, the loss of agricultural land."

The article goes on to explain that Arcata is trying to deal with its affordable housing shortage in creative and effective ways. As pointed out by reporter Daniel Mintz, the Janes Creek Meadows project came with several perks that made it "approval friendly".



THEME EDITION The April 17, 2001 Valley West Eye. UNION FILE PHOTO

The perks that came with Janes Meadows were a one-acre public park, a pedestrian path and stream restoration. Unlike Janes Creek Meadows, the two Valley West Permanent Supportive Housing for the homeless projects will not come with any community perks.

Albeit we now have two new homeless housing development projects icebergs that will present some navigational challenges hopefully we will keep this ship headed in a forward trajectory.

Good things to come

There are many good things coming to Valley West to include the City of Arcata's three-year contract with CUNA that will bring family fun community events, weekly trash cleanups, a

new business district formation and increased Latinx engagement in our community.

Cooperation Humboldt has been awarded a PG&E grant to do a feasibility study for a Valley West Resiliency Hub for disaster preparedness. Cooperation Humboldt also received a grant for a Participatory Budget process which will give the Valley West community an opportunity in deciding how to spend the surplus \$30,000 ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds awarded by the City of Arcata contract with CUNA. An additional \$15,000 slated for beautification in Valley West will utilize the Participatory Budget process as well.

CUNA has also partnered up with our local American Red Cross and they are having a free smoke alarm installation opportunity for Valley West residents.

To make an appointment for a free smoke alarm installation contact Andrew Bogar at andrew.bogar@redcross.org or call (707) 273-8481.

Stay tuned in the weeks to come for more information about these projects and upcoming events as well as weekly feature articles on Valley West schools, businesses, residents, CUNA and more!

Love in a time of loss

Finally, the Valley West community sends love and hope to Corey Lewis, family and friends during this very difficult time.

Corey's son Hunter, 21, disappeared while canoeing in Trinidad on Dec 30.

As Corey said on the nearly 4,000-member Facebook group created to help search for Hunter Lewis, "There is always hope."

Your Valley West community stands with you in hope. Let's bring your Hunter Lewis treasure home. Corey Lewis is a longtime Valley West business owner of Sun Yi's Tae Kwon Do Academy (40 years) on Giuntoli Lane.

Some choices are simple, others difficult but necessary

Moving the goalposts vs. arguments from tradition ...choose wisely

In your Dec. 29 article on concern over cannabis permit conditions, you mention farmers urging the Planning Commission not to "move the goalposts."

This metaphor comes from attempts to gain an unfair advantage in a game by literally shoving the posts (think slamming into a hockey goal as a shot is made).

Moving goalposts is unfair because the rules of the game are well-established, clearly defined, and in most sports have been in place for many decades if not centuries.

That's not the case in (legal) cannabis cultivation. People of good will (on the whole) are trying to balance multiple social, ecological, and economic values to create what's in effect a new game.

It takes years for the unintended consequences of new rules to become apparent; cumulative impacts take time to ... well, accumulate.

I very much sympathize with farmers who feel frustrated by the lack of final, definitive rules, but the fact is that we're just not there yet. It's an ongoing, messy process, deciding where the goalposts ought fi-

❖ LETTERS

nally to go. To settle on the current, flawed permitting process simply because that's what we started with would be a serious mistake.

Jim Moore
Bayside

COVID outbreak impact on schools, and the response

I can confirm that since Monday of this week, several schools in the county have reported an uptick in the number of students and staff either testing positive or being quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19-infected persons. This is having an impact on student attendance rates and staffing.

The Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) began distributing thousands of rapid tests for students beginning last Thursday, December 30th. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provided us with enough tests for every student in Humboldt County.

We do not have information about students or staff who tested positive for COVID-19. Individual school dis-

tricts have their information about how many students and staff are out sick. If a family states that they or their student is positive, they are encouraged to report that information to Humboldt County Public Health.

Directions to report positive cases were distributed with the home test kits distributed by HCOE. If a student or staff member tests positive at a school site, the result is reported to Public Health by the school; as are exposures on a school campus.

We continue to work very closely with Humboldt County Public Health to provide ongoing guidance and support to local school districts regarding COVID-19 prevention and mitigation strategies. We are currently developing an updated flowchart for school leaders to use, based on updated CDPH guidance.

Staffing shortages are a very real and concerning reality. In school districts across the state, it's a case of "all hands on deck" with administrators and itinerant teachers being pulled-in to teach classes when substitute teachers are not available.

I continue to be very proud of our educational community in doing "whatever it takes" to ensure that students can safely attend school for in-person instruction

Michael Davies-Hughes
Humboldt County
Superintendent of Schools

MHS Basketball carries big mo' into key Arcata match

After amassing a record of 8-4 in tournament play, McKinleyville began league play on Jan. 4 with an away game in Fortuna.

The trip ended with a win, as the Panthers were able to pull out a gritty, defensive-minded win, to begin the regular season.

For both teams, offense came at a premium, and for McKinleyville, a team that has shot it well from the outside (39.8 percent from three before this game), the three ball just wasn't in the cards, as they shot just 2-16 as a team.

Cody Whitmer especially, who had an absolutely electric start to the season, had a rough night tallying just 7 points off of 3-13 shooting from field goals.

The team made up for it at the free throw line; however, with Whitmer going 7-8 (to become the night's leading scorer with a total of 14 points) along with Owen Hamm putting in four of his own.

With the game ending in a 44-34 score, it really was making it count at the Charity stripe that mattered. While McKinleyville will still need to find their offense to seriously compete this year, it is encouraging to see that they can win a slug fight like this one.

McKinleyville's defense also deserves some recognition, as it was on full display in this contest, as it held the Huskies to a mere 8.5 total points per quarter, and 29% shooting from the field.

This Thursday, Jan. 6, McKinleyville faces a red hot Arcata team, in what could be an opportunity for this team to establish themselves as legitimate contenders.



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AT THE GARDEN GATE Stop by the Garden Gate during Arts! Arcata and view works by Agustus Clark, left, and Allison Curtis, above.

VIA ARCATA MAIN STREET

❖ ARTS! ARCATA

Artists bedazzle Downtown Arcata

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Celebrate the visual and performing arts in Downtown Arcata during Arts! Arcata on Friday, Jan. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. This month we will also feature music and local art vendors in the Plaza center circle. Thank you for wearing your mask, staying safe, and supporting local arts!

- **Arcata Artisans**, 883 H St. – Annual Group Exhibit will feature one piece from each of our 24 local artist members! Diverse media will be shown including jewelry, photography, fiber arts, painting, cast glass, ceramics, stained glass, metal works, printmaking and woodwork!
- **Arcata Gallery**, 1063 H St. –Live painting and DJ music until 9:00 p.m. with Cassidy Blaze
- **The Garden Gate**, 905 H St. – Continuing exhibit featuring Augustus Clark and Allison Curtis.
- **Homeboldt**, Plaza Center – New de-

signs and styles for 2022!

- **Hot Knots Boutique**, 898 G St. – Paintings by Joyce Jonte
- **InfuZions**, 863 H St. – New work by local artists, live music, and more
- **Moonrise Herbs**, 826 G St. – Continuing exhibit featuring photographer Peggy Ho
- **Plaza**, 808 G St. – Continuing exhibit featuring paintings by Carol Anderson
- **The Griffin**, 937 10th St. – Paintings by Joyce Jonté, live models from 6 to 9 p.m., and possibly music
- **The Jam**, 915 H St. – Live music 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- **Threadbare Dancewear**, Jacoby’s Storehouse – Local author Laura East presents a new book *Our Nutcracker: A Ballerina’s Winter Tale*.

For a list of artists, venues, and hours for Arts! Arcata, visit us online at Arcata-MainStreet.com.

So much going on in the seaside village

The 56th Annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run Honoring Ford Hess is on! The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce invites runners of every athletic ability to compete in the Saturday, Jan. 29 race which will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. at Saunders Park near the library and museum off Patrick’s Point Drive.

Runners will commence down Scenic Drive, cross the Little River at Moonstone Beach, and end at the traditional place near Strawberry Creek on Clam Beach. There will be only one race this year, the 5 3/4 mile event. The three-mile and 8 3/4 mile races will be back next year.

Celebrate the run at the Clam Beach finish line with a hot bowl of chili, music and a bonfire.

Register online at explore-trinidadca.com/tcbr. For questions, email trinidadtoclambeach@gmail.com.

Fine Arts Salons are back

Donna Haddock, director of Inner Center Fine Arts Institute, resides on the East Coast much of the year, however she will return to Trinidad for the winter and spring.

Her Ladies Fine Arts Salons return every Friday at 10 a.m. between Jan. 14 and Feb. 25. Venue to be announced. The first Salon will focus on “Drawing On Intentionality.” Seating is limited.

The discussions always are uplifting and illumi-



RAGING Luffenholtz Creek near Highway 101 culvert. Rain storms bring abundant flow to Trinidad’s water supply.

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nating and just the ticket for renewing your spirit in 2022. Find out more by emailing Donna at donnahaddock97@gmail.com.

Trinidad January calendar

The City begins its year with a busy January calendar with the regular monthly City Council meeting set for Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

New City Council member Cheryl Kelly, formerly chairman of the Planning Commission, will be sworn in. The Trails Committee will meet on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

The regular Planning Commission meeting takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 19 during which a new Trinidad School digital marquee sign will be discussed. A special joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 at 6 p.m. with short term rentals on the agenda.

All of these meetings are via Zoom. To be add-

ed to the City Clerk’s list to be notified of City public meetings, email Gabriel Adams at cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov.

Winter OLLI classes taught by Trinidadians

Art Historian Ron Johnson will lead a class on “Masterpieces of Egyptian Art” on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m., in person, on the HSU campus. His class will explore the inside of a major pyramid, some of the greatest temples in Egypt and the greatest art of the 14th century BC from King Tutankamun’s tomb. Other topics will be the Sphinx, Queen Nefertiti, born in 1370 BC, the mummy burial practices of the Egyptians and their gods. The class number 23907. Cost is \$30.

Author Sharon Ferrett will teach “E is for Enneagram: A Primer for Understanding Your Essence” on Thursday, Jan. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. online. Learn about the Enneagram, a geometric figure that maps out the nine basic human personality types. It is a system with ancient classical Greek roots, and today it is used for realizing “your unique gifts and strengths, overcoming inner barriers, and transforming your life and relationships.” The cost is \$20. Class number 23960.

Register for these classes and others offered through OLLI at humboldt.edu/olli/register.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net

SCENE

Check out Gil Cline & the Midnight Jazz-tet

MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART

EUREKA – Come visit the Morris Graves Museum of Art for an afternoon of great music on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. Enjoy An Afternoon of Jazz with Gil Cline & the Midnight Jazz-tet, and hear jazz from talented local musicians performing music with a classic trumpet & flugelhorn jazz quartet lineup.

The set will include a careful selection of classics from the American songbook, with the 2nd set being Gil’s own Midnight Jazz-tet classics.

Gil Cline’s Midnight Jazz-tet consists of Gil Cline playing the trumpet and flugelhorn, Brian Post on the piano, Danny Gaon on bass, and Mike LaBolle on the drums. All four musicians for this Afternoon of Jazz are



BRASSY Gil Cline’s flugelhorn. SUBMITTED PHOTO

faculty, former faculty, or former students of the comprehensive and active jazz program at Humboldt State University.

Gil Cline first fell in love with jazz, and also the Flügelhorn, while playing in excellent jazz bands while in high schools in Sonoma and Fortuna. His main jazz horn remains a

trusty silver 4-valve flugel (made by Getzen) now so uniquely customized that he calls it his “Flug-ilhorn,” based on a nickname picked up while in college – due to his devotion to that darker toned cousin of the trumpet.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St., Eureka.



LOOKING SOUTH TOWARD THE PLAZA This image is a digital mockup of what the mural will look like at Tenth and H streets. When painted on the wall the colors and shapes may vary slightly.

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Mural proposed at 10th and H streets

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Arcata resident Tamar Atik is organizing a fundraiser to help pay for a mural to be painted on the wall at H and Tenth streets in Arcata.

The artist says it will be a “mural to beautify our town and pay respect to the land” with the theme “Honor the Land.”

The mural will be painted in late April or May, weather permitting.

“The mission is to encourage healing and connection to the earth through art. Tamar is a passionate artist with a wish to bring art with a purpose to community spaces. She designed this mural with the

intention of bringing awareness to the natural beauty and cycles of our planet and the importance of honoring it,” states a GoFundMe page that is raising money for the project.

“To make this project a reality we need donations from the community! The goal is to raise \$10,000 to pay for materials, equipment hire, insurance, permits and the artists time to plan, prep, paint and seal the mural,” states the page.

Fifteen percent of all funds raised will go to The Ink People. If you want to see more of the artists work go to tamaratikart.com or [@tamaratikart](https://www.instagram.com/tamaratikart) on Instagram.

SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT The McKinleyville Lions Club is currently searching for students in the ninth to 12th grades who are interested in participating in the California Lions’ 85th Annual Student Speakers Contest. The topic is “How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?” Speeches should be five to 10 minutes in length. This is a six-level speech contest with the possibility of cash prizes totaling \$500 and scholarships totaling \$21,000. The McKinleyville Club level contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5. Deadline is fast approaching! Please sign up by Friday, Jan. 21. To view the handbook, you may visit the MD-4 Lions Student Speakers website at md4lions.org/student-speakers-contest. For more information or to sign up to participate, email mcklions1962@aol.com or call/text Pat at (707) 407-6754.

HONOR ROLL Several local students made the Scholastic Honor Roll for Fall 2021 at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore. They include Jonathon A. Fisher, a junior studying public policy, of Arcata; Benjamin L. Moore, a senior studying kinesiology, of Bayside; Grant Apicella, a senior studying philosophy, of Eureka; Frances C. George, a senior studying zoology, of Eureka; Kevin N. Massey, a senior studying natural resources, of Eureka; Kori D. McCracken, a junior studying forestry, of Eureka; and Rachel A. Meyer, a freshman studying biology, of McKinleyville.

CHAMBER PLAYERS The Chamber Players of the Redwoods will perform on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 East 16th St., Arcata. The event is free with a suggested donation. Face masks with proof of vaccination required.

LONG TIME COMING Sierra Ferrell will perform Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Tickets are \$15 for this all-ages concert. Ferrell’s stop in Arcata is part of a 42-city tour to promote her new album, *Long Time Coming*. *Holler* magazine wrote “Concocting a spellbinding mix of bluegrass, folk, old-time soul and gypsy jazz, Ferrell’s debut album, *Long Time Coming*, documents these places and the memories they hold – crafting a captivating compilation that covers life on her own and the self-discovery that has come in tow.”



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RESTORING WATERSHEDS The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) invites the public to a Zoom presentation, “Restoring Watersheds in Prairie Creek,” on Wednesday Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Visit northcoastcnps.org for a link to the presentation. Restoring the Prairie Creek watershed, from its headwaters to its confluence with Redwood Creek, has been a major focus for Leonel Arguello, the Resource Management and Science program manager for Redwood National and State Parks. Leonel will explain how the parks will transform crowded second growth into healthy and resilient forest and watershed. The parks’ efforts will include thinning the trees and removing old logging roads, adding logs to the streams and planting riparian forest to improve fish habitat, re-connecting the stream to the flood plain, and removing invasive plants. He will also show how Save the Redwoods League will be adding visitor amenities to the old mill site at Bald Hills Road. CNPS hosts free public presentations on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. During COVID restrictions, programs are held via Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

ARCATA MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 15. Meet leader Paul Johnson at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on plants, marsh ecology, and “tiny creatures that are often overlooked.” Masks are required inside the building; have one handy to comply with current County COVID rules outdoors. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.



WINTER RAPTOR SURVEY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society online Friday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m., for “New Results from the Loleta-Ferndale Winter Raptor Survey” with Ken Burton. Humboldt County hosts an impressive diversity and number of raptors in the winter. Ken Burton will present the results of the winter raptor count he has been conducting in Loleta and Ferndale since 2007. He will discuss spatial and temporal patterns and trends he has observed over the years, including within- and between-year fluctuations in numbers and demographics as well as raptor distribution in relation to habitat and responses to the ever-changing dynamics of habitat changes. He will include results of interesting mapping analyses conducted by Humboldt State University graduate student Holli Pruhsmeier. Burton is an ornithologist, tour guide, and author who has lived in Humboldt County since 2005. He is a past president of Redwood Region Audubon Society and author of *Common Birds of Northwest California* and *A Birding Guide to Humboldt County*, both published by the Society. Burton currently is a lead biologist on Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s Enhanced Vegetation Management program and coordinates Audubon’s Arcata Marsh Field Trips. Visit rras.org to obtain the Zoom presentation link.



RAPTOR Learn about raptors, like this Merlin, when Ken Burton gives a talk Friday, Jan. 14. PHOTO BY KEN BURTON

BIRDING AT THE MARSH Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Rob Fowler at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Let us know you plan to attend by text/messaging Ralph Bucher at (707) 499-1247, or email book@reninet.com with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant.

BEGINNER BIRDWATCHING Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for Beginning Birdwatching & Project FeederWatch at the Jacoby Creek School Garden just north of Jacoby Creek School in Bayside on Saturday, Jan. 15. Drop-in anytime between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., every third Saturday through April 9, 2022. Everyone is welcome to come watch and learn about birds in an informal, family-friendly setting. Bring

binoculars and be prepared to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. For more information, contact Denise Seeger daseeger@gmail.com

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1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

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12/29, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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405 HENDERSON STREET

EUREKA, CA 95501
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PRESIDENT
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12/22, 12/29, 1/5, 1/12
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
MARY LOU RAYMOND SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2101756 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **MARY LOU RAYMOND** to Proposed name: **JENNIFER MARIE RAYMOND**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: JAN. 28, 2022
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: DEC. 13, 2021
Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court
12/22, 12/29, 1/5, 1/12

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHLEEN JANETTE MURRAY HUNTRESS
CASE NO.: PR2100356
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **KATHLEEN JANETTE MURRAY HUNTRESS**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by JONATHAN MORENO in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: JONATHAN

MORENO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: JAN. 27, 2022
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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(707) 442-3758

12/29, 1/5, 1/12

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA E. EDWARDS
CASE NO.: PR2100355
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **BARBARA ELAINE EDWARDS**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by JOSHUA N. EDWARDS in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JOSHUA N. EDWARDS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: JAN. 13, 2022
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JASON EVERETT PETERS
CASE NO.: PR2200004
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JASON EVERETT PETERS**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by JAMES PETERS in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JAMES PETERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: FEB. 3, 2022
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME QUINN RACHAEL FORD
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2101804 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **QUIN RACHAEL FORD** to Proposed name: **QUIN KULLA**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes

the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: FEB. 18, 2022
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: DEC. 27, 2021
Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court
1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1554
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on December 15, 2021, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1554, summarized below, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Housing for Homeless Combining Zone, at which time the reading in full thereof was waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Ordinance No. 1554 was passed and adopted at a regular City Council meeting held on January 5, 2022, by the following vote: AYES: Atkins-Salazar, Goldstein, Matthews, Schaefer, Watson. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ATTEST: Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1554
This ordinance amends the : HH (Housing for Homeless) Combining Zone, consistent with California Government Code section 65589.5, to permit Permanent Supportive Housing at the Days Inn, 4701 Valley West Boulevard, and Red Roof Inn, 4975 Valley West Boulevard, Arcata. It does not extend the Emergency Shelter and Transitional Shelter uses to these sites.
The full text of Ordinance No. 1555 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1555 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on January 19, 2022, and if adopted at that time, would take effect February 18, 2022.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata
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nance No. 1554 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance will take effect February 4, 2022, BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated: January 5, 2022. Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata.
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CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1555

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on January 5, 2022, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1555, summarized below, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code, Title II, Chapter 10, to make Biennial Consumer Price Index Adjustments to Campaign Contribution Limitations, at which time the reading in full thereof was waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only.

The motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1555 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Atkins-Salazar, Goldstein, Matthews, Schaefer, Watson. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ATTEST: Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1555

If adopted, this ordinance would increase the City’s limitation on campaign contributions from a single person from \$210 to \$220 for 2022.

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A HUMBOLDT DELIGHT Salmon Cakes.
KIRSTEN LINDQUIST PHOTO

Fresh and local, simple and delicious Salmon Cakes

There are so many reasons why living in Humboldt is such a delight, but getting local and fresh caught salmon is near the top of my list. It was the first meal I ate in Humboldt, cooked over a wood fire at the campsite I stayed at on my first night here and it continues to be one of my favorite meals. Too often the salmon burgers or cakes found in restaurants are bread-crumb heavy to hold the patty together. Not this version! It uses the salmon itself as the means to meld the patty together, ingenious! Incidentally, this works for crab cakes as well, only I would suggest using a few shrimp as the binder rather than the expensive lump crab.



Salmon Cakes
Makes 6 cakes

- 1/2 lb salmon
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons shallots, minced
- 2 tablespoons bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon capers, minced
- Pinch of Salt
- Several grind of Pepper
- Oil for frying

Carefully take skin off the salmon and roughly chop the flesh. Place half of the salmon, the mustard, shallots, and capers in the bowl of a food processor and pulse to combine it well. Add ground ingredients into a bowl and add bread crumbs, remaining salmon, salt and pepper and mix well and form into six cakes. Heat a cast iron pan over low heat for 3 to 4 minutes, add enough oil to just coat the bottom of the pan and fry cakes on one side 4 to 5 minutes and then flip and cook another 2 minutes on the other side. Remember that similar to other meat, the fish will continue to cook off the heat, so do not over cook. Serve with lemon wedges.

President Reagan's signature this week made it possible for two Samoa Peninsula pulp mills to seek a variance to exempt them from having to construct costly wastewater treatment plants.

— Arcata Union, January 13, 1983

RREDC moves to new Old Town Eureka HQ



Redwood Region Economic Development Commission

RREDC
EUREKA – The Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC) announced last week that it has moved its offices to the historic Healy Brothers Building in Old Town Eureka. RREDC had been in the “Prosperity Center” at 520 E St. since 1995. “We make this move with mixed emotions,” said RREDC Executive Director Gregg Foster. “We’re excited to be moving to the new location in the heart of Old Town Eureka. At the same time, we’re sad that the Prosperity Center must close after a quarter century of serving entrepreneurs, business owners, and the public with their business and economic development needs.” Opened in 1995, the Prosperity Center was a one-stop shop for business and economic Development. Conceived and developed by RREDC, the center included RREDC, the North Coast Small Business Development Center, the County of Humboldt Economic Development Division, the Workforce Development Board, and the Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission. Over the years, partners have included the College of the Redwoods, Humboldt Made, the Redwood Technology Consortium, Next Generation Eureka, Humboldt Habitat for Humanity and others. The center also provided a shared space where community organizations could meet and collaborate. “The Center supported many organizations over the years,” Foster said. “RREDC is proud of its investments of time and money to support collaboration and, more importantly, pro-



Gregg Foster

vide a convenient one-stop shop for our customers and constituents. We will continue to lead efforts for more regional cooperation. We believe that this results in better service and more efficient use of public resources.” RREDC is a Joint Powers Authority created in 1977 to provide economic development services in the wake of the expansion of Redwood National Park. Its members include the cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell and Trinidad. Other members include the County of Humboldt and the Humboldt, Manila, McKinleyville, Orick, Orleans, Redway, and Willow Creek community services districts. Rounding out its membership are the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the College of the Redwoods, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and the Humboldt Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District. RREDC's core program is a revolving loan fund that provides capital to businesses who are unable to meet their financial needs through traditional sources. In addition, RREDC has also led efforts to increase local broadband and air service. Over the past five years, with the participation of its funding partners, RREDC has provided over \$12 million in loans to

local businesses and organizations. These loans have leveraged millions more in private financing and owner investment. RREDC funds its own operations through loan interest, fees, and contracted services and provides its services to its member agencies free of charge. The County of Humboldt, Economic Development Division is now located at the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Suite 112, Eureka, CA 95501. They can be reached at (707) 445-7745 or at gohumco@co.humboldt.ca.us. Long-time Prosperity Center partner, the North Coast Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will announce its own headquarters relocation later this month. SBDC plans to remain within Old Town Eureka, close to RREDC and other business-serving partners. For the moment, SBDC is still serving clients virtually. More information can be found at northcoastsbdc.org. The Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission is now located in the historic Carson Block Building, 517 Third St., Suite 27, Eureka, CA 95501. They can be reached at (707) 443-4488 or info@hdnfc.org. RREDC is now located at 325 Second Street, Suite 203, Eureka, CA 95501. They can be reached at (707) 445-9651 or via rredc.com.

Goodwill Response Area | Better than billing for service?

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“These areas are also in the State Responsibility Area (SRA), however, CalFire is only responsible to respond to vegetation fires during declared fire season,” stated Arcata Fire Chief Justin McDonald in a report to the board. The area was never annexed into the Arcata Fire District because of a policy regarding division of property tax revenues. “The [county] policy at the time was that annexa-

tions were allowed to happen, but there was no apportionment of property tax from the annexed parcels,” MacDonald wrote. “In 2019, the County and the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs’ Association (HCFA) developed a tax exchange agreement for annexation of unprotected areas.” In order to annex the land, the district would need to get approval from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo),

which oversees local government boundaries. “Staff was approached by the Fire Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors to entertain the concept of annexation of Arcata Goodwill Response Area into the District,” MacDonald wrote in the report. “It is likely that some of the southern portion of this area would annexed into the Kneeland Fire District. Staff is in support of this process, as we currently provide a ser-

vice to this area and have to bill for our response. This is neither a popular nor convenient way to recoup our costs. Staff is seeking direction from the Board to determine if this concept is something they would approve exploring. If further exploration is requested, the next step would be for staff to work with the County and LAFCo to present more of a detailed process and potential revenue figures for the annexation.”

❖ MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Woman dead after losing control of motorcycle

EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

EUREKA – On Sunday, Jan. 9 at about 5:19 p.m., officers with the Eureka Police Department responded to northbound U.S. Highway 101, just north of the Slough Bridge, for the report of a major injury collision involving a single motorcycle. Humboldt Bay Fire and City Ambulance provided emergency medical care on scene; however, due to the extent of the injuries the motorcyclist was pronounced

deceased. Next of kin has been notified and the motorcyclist has been identified as 37-year-old Samantha Barney of Eureka. Based on the initial investigation, it appears Barney was driving her motorcycle when she lost control and struck a sign in the grassy center median. No other vehicles were involved. At this time it is unknown if drugs or alcohol played a factor in the collision.

Nominations now open for Arcata’s 2022 Business of the Year

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata is currently accepting 2022 Business of the Year Award nominations. The city established the annual Business of the Year Award program to recognize local businesses and nonprofits that exemplify

the core values of innovation, collaboration, resilience, resourcefulness, diversity, racial equity and inclusion, and practices that protect the environment and support the community. Arcata businesses, nonprofits and residents are invited to submit nominations for the 2022 Business of the Year Award. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1. To make a nomination, please visit cityofarcata.org. Nominations will be accepted online, by email at jdart@cityofarcata.org or may be dropped off in-person to the Community Development Department office at Arcata City Hall, located at 736 F St. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Face coverings are required for all individuals when entering City Hall regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. Applications can also be sent by mail or dropped off in a sealed envelope labeled

“Community Development Department,” at the City Hall water bill drop boxes, located in the City Hall parking lot off of 7th Street and in front of the USPS mailbox outside of City Hall. The Economic Development Committee and members of City Council will review all 2022 Business of the Year Award nominations, and the winner will be presented at the Arcata Chamber of Commerce’s 2022 Annual Business Leadership Awards on Saturday, Feb. 19. The celebration will be held in person with COVID-19 safety protocols in place and streamed live on Facebook. For more information on the 2022 Business Leadership Awards, please visit arcatachamber.com. For more information on the Business of the Year Award program, please visit cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-5955.

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